

CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION

"What Important Piece of Constructive Legislation has Senator Page Introduced and Pushed to a Successful Issue?"

Conceding for the moment that this question is one which Senator Page should answer—as it surely is if asked in good faith—two questions present themselves:

First, is the Vocational Education Bill, a very important piece of constructive legislation?

Second, is Senator Page responsible therefor?

Taking up the first question, Senator Page's answer would be: "Vocational Education is one of the most important pieces of constructive legislation now engaging public attention."

Why? "Because it opens up a broad educational policy which vitally and favorably affects every state, county, town, and school district in the United States, and because it is a measure designed to give efficiency to every American boy and girl, not only in the workshop and on the farm, but in the home, and it is a measure which is designed to make into better citizens the boys and girls of today, who will constitute the citizenship of tomorrow."

On this question President Wilson speaks, in the clean-cut language for which he is justly celebrated, as follows:

There are two sides to the question of preparation. There is not merely a military side—there is an industrial side. And the ideal which I have in mind is this, gentlemen: We ought to have in this country a great system of industrial and vocational education, under Federal guidance and with Federal aid, in which a very large percentage of the youth of this country will be given training in the skillful use and application of the principles of science in manufacture and business.

Congressman James R. Mann, everywhere recognized as the great Republican leader of the present House of Representatives, and the man who will, should the administration change, unquestionably be the next Speaker of the House says:

The subject of vocational education I think is one of the most important subjects before the American people today, or, for that matter, before the people of the world, but particularly with us. We are going to be in competition with other nations when they do better than we, by instructing their youth in the vocations.

Answering the second question, "Is Senator Page responsible for this legislation?" the following fact is given as a matter of official record:

In 1911 the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry passed, without a dissenting vote, the following resolution:

Resolved, that Senator Page, as a subcommittee of one, be instructed to correspond with leading educators and others interested in the purposes of the proposed measure, and to report to the full committee the result of his investigation, and to submit a bill amended to conform to the suggestions he may receive from such correspondence or any he might have to make.

Acting in conformity with this resolution, Senator Page entered into a correspondence with the leading educators of this country, which became so extensive that the Senator was compelled to devote thereto the larger part of his vacation period in the fall of 1911, and from that time until the present, in season and out of season, night and day, the surplus energies of Senator Page have been largely given to this work. To him it has been a labor of love, and he has incurred expenditures with reference to this measure out of his private means, not reimbursable by Congress, of more than \$2,000.

That this great measure is regarded by the National Senate as the child of Senator Page is a matter of general knowledge, but as bearing upon this point, we quote below from speeches delivered in the United States Senate July 31, 1916.

Senator Smith, of Georgia, in discussing the measure, said:

The responsibility for this measure would have continued with Senator Page rather than to have fallen to me, but for the

change which took place in the organization of the Senate three years ago. With a Republican majority he was leading in the work and I was helping him. Since that time, as I am Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, the situation is reversed just a little, but I am always glad to stop at any time the opportunity is presented to give to the Senator from Vermont every possible credit for his splendid work upon this subject, and almost regret that we have a Democratic majority and that he hasn't charge of the bill instead of myself.

Senator Maritime, of New Jersey, speaking on the same day in the Senate, said:

In New York on two occasions quite recently I dropped into an institution maintained for the purpose of encouraging vocational education. They expressed themselves in most high favor of the process of education that was anticipated in the Vocational Education Bill then known as the Page Bill. Since then there has been a merging of ideas and interests between the Senator from Georgia and the Senator from Vermont. But these gentlemen, the principals of these schools, couldn't speak highly enough or extravagantly enough of the great advantages that would come from the adoption of this vocational education scheme which was known as the Page-Smith bill. It will prove a blessing to the generations coming on and in the future this will be of untold value to our Republic.

Senator Thomas, of Colorado, speaking on the same day in the Senate, said:

If I had any doubt about this amendment I would certainly dismiss it upon the assurance of the Senator from Vermont, whose child this bill unquestionably is, and who, as declared by the Senator from Georgia, is entitled to the great merit of having framed it, introduced it, lived with it and brought it to its present moment of fruition. It is a great work, and a monument to the Senator's career, which I am sure will keep his memory fresh and green in the hearts of a grateful posterity.

There are other important pieces of constructive legislation standing to the credit of Senator Page.

On July 24, 1916, Senator Page addressed the Senate upon this great educational measure. On July 31st the bill was passed by the Senate, and yet during the time that this bill was under consideration and being placed upon its passage, a hundred columns, more or less, of paid advertising and many thousands of circulars were being sent broadcast through the state of Vermont criticizing Senator Page for addressing the Senate, and declaring that there was no necessity for his speech because the bill was not before the Senate, and would not be acted upon at this session, concluding with the query: "Why then a speech on the bill by Senator Page at this time for any other reason than for distribution to the voters of Vermont for campaign purposes?"

The ignorance of the writer or his willful purpose to deceive must be apparent. Senator Page delivered his address upon one of the greatest pieces of constructive legislation before the country, in the formulation of which he has given many months of his earnest labor and best judgment, and seven days later the bill was passed by the Senate with the open declaration of Senators, including Chairman Hoke Smith himself, that Senator Page was the leader in this great measure.

Could anything have been done with a more deliberate purpose to deceive the voters of Vermont?

COUNTY NEWS

WHITING.

Several from town have attended the Chautauqua in Brandon the past week. Mrs. C. R. Brown was in Burlington last week to attend the meeting of the Grange lecturers. Eugene Platt and family of East Shoreham, Mrs. Charles Townsend of Crown Point, N. Y., and Henry Meyer of Philadelphia, Penn., visited friends in town recently.

L. A. Webster left Wednesday for a business trip of a few days in Boston and Portland, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Foster and Miss Norma Foster of Greenfield, Mass., are spending a few days with friends in town.

SOUTH STARKSBORO.

Kenneth Elliott is ill with measles. Quarterly meeting of Friends here August 12 and 13. Friends from away are expected to be present.

A number from this place are attending the Chautauqua at Bristol.

Last reports from Miss Ruth Follansbee is that she is confined to her bed at the Hebron hospital, Maine. Miss Follansbee has many friends here who regret that she is not improving.

Stephen E. Young has gone to New Hampshire for two weeks.

W. H. Young has been quite ill the past week. Dr. Norton is the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hamner and Madam Hamner of Lincoln called on Mrs. William Taft Sunday. Mrs. Taft is ill with a nervous trouble.

Mrs. Elizabeth Underhill and family of Richmond Hill, N. Y., who are in the Varney cottage for the summer and Miss La Underhill, who is a guest of Mrs. Harold Hamner, enjoyed an auto ride through the country this week. Miss Merle Sweet carrying them.

Pearl Swain is working for W. H. Young in haying. Nearly all farmers will finish haying this week.

BRISTOL.

Mrs. Calista Hodge, aged 98 years, six months and ten days, died suddenly Saturday evening at her home on Church street. Mrs. Hodge was the oldest person in town. She had been in failing health for some time. She is survived by two grandsons, Bert Hodge Hill, who is director of the American school at Athens, Greece, and P. R. Hill of this town, with whom she lived. She is also survived by several great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hodge was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church and will be missed by a host of friends. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, Rev. G. A. Parker officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Isaiah L. Strong of Seattle, Wash., who has been visiting relatives here, is to visit relatives in Starksboro and Huntington a few days and then return home. Bristol's Chautauqua has been a success. Sunday evening over 500 people heard Frederic Warde in his lecture recital on "Shakespeare and his Plays." It was a masterly effort.

J. B. Abernethy is at home from Burlington. A. C. Sumner has returned from a month's stay in Cornwall. Mrs. Rachel White is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Dupee.

There will be no service in the Methodist church next Sunday, campmeeting being in session at Spring Grove. Miss Georgia Peck has returned to Burlington. A miscellaneous shower was given Miss Eudora Palmer Monday evening at the home of Miss Bernice Garrow in honor of her approaching marriage to Albert Smith of Miller's Falls, Mass. Miss Palmer received many beautiful and useful gifts. Light refreshments were served.

WEYBRIDGE.

Quite a number of people from here attended the meetings of the Young People's Assembly at Spring Grove Camp ground last Sunday. Master Robert Harrington of Vergennes came here last Sunday to spend a month at the home of J. S. Shaw while his mother is on a trip to the Pacific Coast to visit her parents.

Mrs. Harriet Palmer of Kemper, Ill., a former Weybridge resident is spending several weeks among relatives and friends in this and adjoining towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goulette were in Middlebury last Monday on a business trip.

Charles M. Baker lost a valuable young horse last week. In some unknown way a piece of wire got into the horse's foot, which developed into lockjaw. A skilled veterinary was called and attended the horse, but without avail.

The entertainment given by the "Helping Hand" class of young ladies at the residence of J. S. Shaw last Thursday evening was a decided success. The several parts of the entire program were unusually well taken, the proceeds were approximately \$10.

J. S. Shaw went to Orwell last Monday morning on a business trip. Milking machines have recently been installed on the farms of T. F. Dewey, M. L. Young, H. A. Boies, and E. L. Wright.

Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Kitchmiller from the West are visiting friends in town. Miss Palmer will be remembered as Miss Hattie Sturtevant, daughter of the late Leonard Sturtevant of this town.

H. L. Thompson and family with their guests, Rev. A. McKinley and family of Troy, N. Y., spent Wednesday at Lake Champlain.

Mr. and Mrs. White and little son of New York are guests of Mrs. Nellie Moody for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Boies and R. W. Sturtevant spent Sunday at Lake Champlain the guests of James Cartmell and family of Middlebury, who are camping there.

Mrs. Winona Shaw of Middlebury was the guest of Mrs. H. A. Boies Monday.

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BRIDPORT.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilcox and little son of Binghamton, N. Y., who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Preble for several days, returned Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Hebert, who has been spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hebert, has returned to her home at Middlebury.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Casey, son and daughter of East Braintree, Mass., who have been the guests of Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nison, for two weeks, returned to their home Saturday.

Mrs. Emeline Converse and daughter, Miss Louise Converse and Miss Harriette Wheeler, who have been visiting relatives and friends in town, returned to their home in Burlington Saturday.

Miss Nina Garvey is spending a few days at Starksboro as the guest of her parents, H. A. Garvey.

Mrs. Rena Morse and son Leslie of Middlebury are the guests of Mrs. D. E. Myrick.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaValley of Concord, N. H., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter LaValley Thursday.

Mrs. Jennie Barnes and son George, returned Friday from a visit at the home of Alfred Weed of Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Mrs. J. T. Albright of Arrington, Ill., and Miss Stella Bean of Mora, Ill., came Friday to be the guests of their sister, Mrs. H. J. Pratt.

Henry Nichols, who has been with his parents for two weeks, returned Saturday to Springfield, Mass.

George Goyette of Chicago, Ill., has been a recent visitor at the home of his father, Frank Goyette.

Mrs. H. K. Williams and son Franklin were visitors at Port Henry, N. Y., Friday.

Russell Pratt was the guest of Miss Emma Bean at Vergennes Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Spaulding are camping at Camp Owl's Nest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Myrick of Middlebury were visitors in town Friday and Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Blaisdell and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dayton took an automobile drive to Queen City Park, Burlington, Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Fletcher, who spent last week with relatives at Hinesburg, returned home Sunday.

F. G. Williams is visiting friends at Waitsfield.

Miss Flora Booth, who has been visiting friends in town for the past week, has returned to her home at Ferrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nichols and son Henry, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sherbino and daughters Misses Marie, Elsie and Dorris, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Palmer and son Bacon, and daughter Miss Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sunderland and son Lynne, were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harris at their home Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. G. F. Beatty, who has been visiting relatives in town, has returned to her home at Appanatic, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beebe and Pauline Winette were at Ticonderoga, N. Y., Sunday.

Harry Taylor of Worcester, Mass., is a guest at the home of Mrs. Ella Baldwin.

Miss Ruth Grosvenor of Middlebury spent the week-end as the guest of Mrs. H. L. Hemenway.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheeler, H. M. Peck and W. A. Dukett were at Burlington, Tuesday.

Miss Lucy Grosvenor, who has been visiting relatives in town, returned to her home at Middlebury Monday.

Eric Bryant of Montreal, Can., spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hemenway.

The members of the Ladies' society met at the parsonage Tuesday for the purpose of cleaning same in the anticipation of the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Hervey Gulick and Wednesday the members of the Christian Endeavor met to clean up the lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith and daughters Misses Eunice, Rachel and Eleanor made an automobile trip to East Middlebury Sunday to spend the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powers and daughter Miss Charlotte of Fitchburg, Mass., Clarence Powers of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. C. F. Powers of Schuylerville, N. Y., spent several days last week as the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Emma Wolcott.

H. R. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. James Swinton attended Camp Meeting at Spring Grove, New Haven, Sunday.

On account of the impossibility of Rev. and Mrs. Hervey Gulick being able to get their household effects moved here this week there will be no services at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harris spent Sunday with Mrs. Edward Harris at Cornwall.

Mrs. J. S. McQuivey, who has been visiting relatives at Burlington, Vergennes and Monkton for the past few weeks, returned home Friday.

Miss Amy Sumner of Bristol is the guest of Mrs. F. R. Harris.

The regular meeting of the Bridport Grange was held in the Grange hall Tuesday evening. Ice cream and cake were served.

RIPTON.

Our town treasurer wishes to call attention to the fact that this month closes the time in which the 4 per cent discount can be had on taxes paid.

The showers of Tuesday layed the dust that had become very bad, help vegetation nicely, and possibly save the potato crop, there having been but one shower in two weeks.

J. B. Bronson of Bellows Falls was here a few days ago, stopping at Maple Inn.

Prof. and Mrs. Charles Billings have taken possession of the Methodist parsonage.

Stage Driver Tierney had the misfortune to break the rear axle of his automobile on the morning of August 2, but luckily he had a machine of last year's vintage, so he made his trip.

The Misses Mary and Rachel, daughters of Cornelius Tierney of Brandon, are visiting their uncle Peter Tierney, having been at their grandparents in East Middlebury.

Mrs. John Billings is stopping with friends here.

Mr. Swan of Rochester, N. Y., was here on Monday on a trip by auto with his family to see Old Vermont.

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